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NOTICE OF MILITARY COMMISSIONS ACT OF 2006

Respondents hereby give notice that on October 17, 2006, the President signed into law the Military Commissions Act of 2006, Pub. L. No. 109-___ (copy attached) ("MCA"). The MCA, among other things, amends 28 U.S.C. § 2241 to provide that "no court, justice, or judge shall have jurisdiction" to consider either (1) *habeas* petitions "filed by or on behalf of an alien

detained by the United States who has been determined by the United States to have been properly detained as an enemy combatant or is awaiting such determination," or (2) "any other action against the United States or its agents relating to any aspect of the detention, transfer, treatment, trial, or conditions of confinement of an alien who is or was detained by the United States" as an enemy combatant, except as provided in section 1005(e)(2) and (e)(3) of the Detainee Treatment Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109-148, tit. X, 119 Stat. 2680 (10 U.S.C. § 801 note). See MCA § 7(a) (located on pages 36-37 of attachment). Further, the new amendment to § 2241 takes effect on the date of enactment and applies specifically "to all cases, without exception, pending on or after the date of the enactment of this Act which relate to any aspect of the detention, transfer, treatment, trial, or conditions of detention of an alien detained by the United States since September 11, 2001." Id. § 7(b) (emphasis added).²

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¹ Section 1005(e)(2) of the Detainee Treatment Act provides that the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit "shall have exclusive jurisdiction to determine the validity of any final decision of a Combatant Status Review Tribunal that an alien is properly detained as an enemy combatant," and it further specifies the scope and intensiveness of that review. See Pub. L. No. 109-148, § 1005(e)(2). Similarly, § 1005(e)(3) of the Detainee Treatment Act, as amended by the MCA, provides that the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit "shall have exclusive jurisdiction to determine the validity of any final decision rendered by a military commission." Id. § 1005(e)(3).

² Counsel for detainees in certain of the pending Guantanamo detainee appeals, Boumediene v. Bush, No. 05-5062 (D.C. Cir.), and Al Odah v. United States, No. 05-5064 (D.C. Cir.), have requested the Court of Appeals to permit supplemental briefing regarding the effect of the MCA.

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